

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER FOR  
MR. ABDUL GHAFOOR AND MR. RAJBIR SARKARIA  
FORMER GAS FOR LESS STATION  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Mr. Abdul Ghafoor owns and Mr. Rajbir Sarkaria operated (hereafter known as “Dischargers”) the former Gas for Less Station at 924 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Antioch. Three underground storage tanks (UST) were used at this site to store gasoline, a hazardous substance. Upon removal in March 1999, perforations in the tanks were observed and fuel hydrocarbons were detected in the soils beneath the tanks. On 12 September 2003 the Regional Board’s Executive Officer issued an Order to Submit Technical Reports, pursuant to Section 13267 of the California Water Code. The Order directed the completion of a site investigation, the submittal of the results report by 26 November 2003 and the submittal of subsequent Quarterly Monitoring Reports. The Dischargers did not comply with these requirements. On 23 March 2004 the Regional Board’s UST Program Manager issued a Notice of Violation and requested submittal of the past due reports by 29 April 2004. To date none of the reports have been submitted. Pursuant to Water Code Section 13268, the Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R5-2005-0514 for \$50,000 on 31 May 2005.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 5 August 2005  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 11020 Sun Center Drive #200  
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- Abdul Ghafoor
- Rajbir Sarkaria

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **29 July 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **29 July 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **29 July 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair

Anyone having questions on the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Order should contact Pat Vellines at (916) 464-4696. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws/index.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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Jack E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

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